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March 9 – 19, 2025



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11 Days • 16 Meals: 9 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 6 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Athens, The Acropolis and Parthenon, Metéora, Delphi, Olympia, Greek Farm Visit, Cooking Class, Greek Dance Class, Nafplio, Choice on Tour: Nafplio Walking Tour or Mycenae Archeological Tour

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Crowne Plaza Athens City Center, Athens
Day 4	Grand Hotel Meteora, Kalambaka
Day 5	Domotel Anemolia Resort & Conference, Arachova
Days 6, 7	Europa Hotel Olympia, Olympia
Days 8, 9	Nafplia Palace , Nafplio
Day 10	Crowne Plaza Athens City Center, Athens

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Sunday, March 9, 2025 Overnight Flight Discover the beauty and timeless wonder found only in Greece. This fascinating tour of Greece begins with an overnight flight.

Day 2: Monday, March 10, 2025 Athens, Greece - Tour Begins Arrive in Athens, cradle of Democracy and capital city of Greece. This evening, celebrate the beginning of your Greek experience with a delightful welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 Athens Enjoy a panoramic tour of the highlights in Athens showcasing the city's ancient and glorious monuments, such as the Temple of Zeus, the Parliament, and the Olympic Stadium. Next, ascend the steep hill of the Acropolis. Greek for "highest city," the Acropolis was the religious center of ancient Athens and is crowned by the Parthenon, considered the pinnacle of classical Greek architecture. This evening, perhaps you'll choose to join an optional local food tour of Athens. (B)

Day 4: Wednesday, March 12, 2025 Athens - Thermopylae - Kalambaka Travel north through central Greece to Thermopylae. Stop to see a monument dedicated to Leonidas who died defending Greece against the Persians. End your day at a family-owned taverna and savor a delicious meal with recipes passed down from generations. (B, D)

Day 5: Thursday, March 13, 2025 Kalambaka - Metéora - Arachova This morning, visit Metéora and enjoy guided tours of two remote monasteries situated in a unique landscape of limestone rock "towers" that extend nearly 900 feet into the air. Over 600 years ago, Byzantine monks chose to build their monastic community perched atop these virtually inaccessible rocks. Continue on to charming Arachova, a popular ski resort town with breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains and valleys. (B, D)

Day 6: Friday, March 14, 2025 Arachova - Delphi - Olympia This morning tour the ancient city of Delphi, one of Greece's most important religious centers during Classical times. A local expert guides you on a visit to the Sanctuary of Apollo, the Doric Temple, the ancient theatre, and the Delphi Museum with its priceless collection of ancient artifacts. It was here that the famous Oracle was consulted to foretell the destiny of mankind. Then travel along the Gulf of Corinth, crossing into the Peloponnese to the historic city of Olympia, a testament to the grandeur of ancient Greek civilization. Visit a local farm in the countryside and meet with the owners to learn about everyday life. Following the tour, enjoy a tasting of local wines, olive oil, homemade jams, marmalades and sweets. (B, D)

Day 7: Saturday, March 15, 2025 Olympia This morning, enjoy a guided visit to ancient Olympia, including a tour of the sanctuary of Zeus, the Olympic Stadium – where the first Olympic Games were held in 776 B.C. – and the museum. Next, learn how to cook some of the region's best dishes as you partake in a Mediterranean cooking experience followed by a traditional Greek lunch. This evening, broaden your knowledge of traditional Greek musical instruments and folkloric dances at a delightful Greek dance class. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Sunday, March 16, 2025 Olympia - Nafplio Enjoy spectacular scenery as you cross the Arkadian Mountains en route to the picturesque seaside resort of Nafplio.* En route,



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stop at a family-owned *ouzo* distillery producing Greece's signature anise-flavored aperitif since 1869. (B)

Day 9: Monday, March 17, 2025 Nafplio Today, it's your choice! Journey to ancient Mycenae, once ruled by mythological King Agamemnon, commander-in-chief of the Greeks during the Trojan War. Explore the excavations during a guided visit featuring the Beehive Tombs and the Lion Gate - **OR-** linger in Nafplio, and join a walking tour of Greece's first capital city. Nafplio's mix of Venetian and Neo-classical architectural influences make it Greece's most elegant city. (B)

Day 10: Tuesday, March 18, 2025 Nafplio - Athens This morning, stop for a view of the Corinth Canal en route to

Athens. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure in Greece's capital. Perhaps you'll browse the myriad shops of the Plaka, Athens' historic district nestled at the foot of the Acropolis. Or, visit one of the city's world-class museums such as the National Archeological Museum with its majestic bronze statue of Poseidon or the Benaki Museum, which houses Greek works of art from prehistorical to modern times. Celebrate the end of a memorable trip to Greece by gathering with your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 11: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 Athens - Tour Ends Your tour ends today. (B)

Experience It! Monasteries in Metéora

Atop towers of limestone rock that reach almost 900 feet in the air, the remote monasteries of Metéora seem like a direct line to the Divine. From early Christian times, Metéora's cliffs were heralded as the place to achieve peace and harmony, and thus, spiritual revelation, thanks to the isolation they provide. It's no surprise that the monasteries were erected here among the overwhelming rock formations and inspiring setting. These monasteries, and the monks who reside in them, are living out Byzantium history in their monastic communities built high on the vertical rocks and tucked away inside pristine natural beauty. Today, Christians from all over the world make their holy pilgrimage to these monasteries, and Metéora has become a preservation site for the 2,000 year-old Christian Orthodox creed.

For more information visit <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1228864>

PLEASE NOTE:

Book Now rates valid until Sep 10, 2024, valid on air inclusive packages only.
IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Effective for travel in May 2025, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS visa waiver, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit <https://www.etiasvisa.com/>

Due to the nature of this itinerary, both 3- and 4-star hotels that may be located in the vicinity of historic centers will be utilized.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

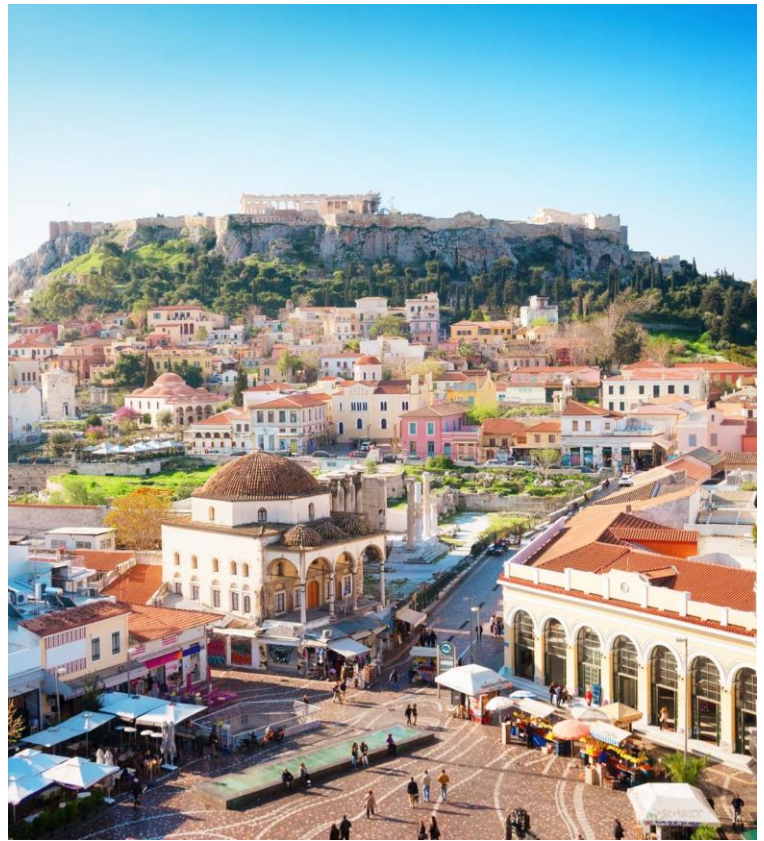
Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

*For April and October departures, hotel accommodations in Nafplio will be confirmed 60 days prior to departure at either Amphitryon Hotel or their sister property Nafplia Palace Hotel & Villas.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility devices.

In order to access the Acropolis archeological site, you will be required to climb about 30-40 uneven steps and walking over rugged terrain with loose stones and without railings. If you require a walker or wheelchair, or have difficulty walking, you may find these transfers challenging and may want to consider an alternate program with us. Our Client Care Agents can provide additional information or assistance to help you determine the perfect trip for you.

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GROUP NAME: Effingham County Chamber of
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Available Options

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.

Children under the age of 18 **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

Athens



Athens Local Food Tour

\$119 USD

Experience Athens as a local! Join a local guide for a walking tour highlighting the cuisine of Athens. You'll make your way through three neighborhoods in the city, full of hidden gems that few travelers ever get to see. Be welcomed into several local restaurants, bakeries and markets to sample some of the area's best culinary specialties and wine. Your guide will explain the significance each dish serves to the culture and region. You'll learn about common grocery items found in the markets and the importance of spices used in Greek cooking. Along the way, view the traditional architecture and see historic artifacts from ancient Athens that were recently discovered. This option does not operate on national and religious holidays when most venues are closed. *Duration: Approximately 3.5 hours.* Please note a minimum of 10 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

PASSENGERS NAME: (Please submit a separate form for each passenger)

Salutation: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____ Nickname: _____
(Mr., Mrs., Rev.) (Please print **EXACTLY** as it appears on Passport) (Jr., Sr.)

✓	Option	Price Per Person (USD)
	Athens Local Food Tour	119.00
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YOUR INFORMATION:

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Nickname: _____ Gender: () Male () Female Date of Birth: month _____ day _____ year _____

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Air Seat Request: () Aisle () Window () Next To Traveling Companion

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Are you willing to separate from the group air schedule to accommodate your upgrade request? () Yes () No

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